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SUBJECT: ITALIANS PROTEST EXCLUSION FROM QUADRIpartite
LUNCHEON

FOR HARTMAN AND SONNENFELDT FROM LOWENSTEIN

1. ITALIAN CHARGE TAMAGNINI CALLED ON ACTING ASSISTANT
SECRETARY LOWENSTEIN JULY 28 ON TELEPHONE INSTRUCTIONS FROM
MFA SECRETARY GENERAL MANZINI WHO SAID HE HAD BEEN DIRECTED
TO TELEPHONE BY FOREIGN MINISTER RUMOR TO PROTEST AT THE
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HIGHEST LEVEL THE EXCLUSION OF ITALY FROM THE QUADRIpartite

LUNCHEON IN HELSINKI. TAMAGNINI SAID THAT THIS SUDDEN EXCLUSION OF ITALY FROM SUCH A MEETING WAS BAD FOR ITALY BOTH POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY. IT COMES AT TIME WHEN THE ITALIAN ECONOMY WAS SHOWING SLOW BUT STEADY PROGRESS. THE ITALIAN PRESS FOR EXAMPLE WAS BILLING THE MEETING AS A NEW "DIRETTORIO." SINCE QUADRIpartite MEETING REPORTEDLY WILL BE ON ECONOMIC MATTERS, IT WAS ALL THE MORE "DISAPPOINTING" THAT ITALY AS EC PRESIDENT WAS EXCLUDED, HE SAID.

2. TAMAGNINI SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM MANZINI THAT THE LUNCHEON WAS NOT RPT NOT AT US INITIATIVE AND COULD WE CONFIRM. LOWENSTEIN CONFIRMED THAT LUNCHEON NOT AT US INITIATIVE. LOWENSTEIN ASSURED TAMAGNINI THAT ITALIAN DEMARCHE WOULD BE BROUGHT TO IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARY.

3. THE ITALIANS OBVIOUSLY EXPECT A RESPONSE TO THEIR DEMARCHE AND, IF THERE IS ONE, WE THINK THAT WE SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO REPLY HERE IN WASHINGTON. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ASSUME THE PRESIDENT WILL PROBABLY WISH TO ADDRESS THIS MATTER IN HIS BREAKFAST MEETING WITH MORO AND RUMOR ON AUGUST 1. INGERSOLL

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